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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Gayle DACE and William KIMMERLYApplication No./Patent No.: 09/879,279 Filed/Issue Date: June 12, 2001Entitled: In vitro capture of nucleic acids via modified oligonucleotides...Syngenta Participations AG, a company organized under...Swiss confederation.

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In return for good and valuable consideration paid to the undersigned inventor(s) (hereafter called the "ASSIGNOR"), by:

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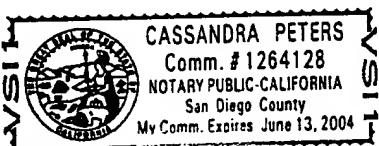
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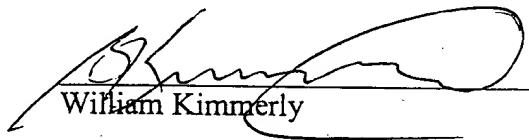
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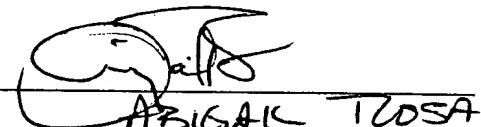
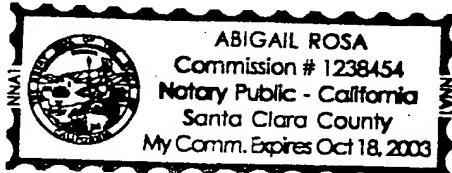
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